

MANAGEMENT UNIT: WILLOW CREEK CORRIDOR

MANAGEMENT INTENT

- ° This area, adjacent to the capital site, currently supports much recreation along the Willow Creek-Hatcher Pass road. Public land should be managed to respect and contribute to the recreational value of the area (access to the river, views from the road, and water oriented use of the river) and to provide land for settlement and small farms.
- ° Where public land exists adjacent to the river, a publicly owned river buffer should be established and maintained according to guidelines in Chapter III, River and Stream Corridors. The width of this buffer should be determined through field examination and review of existing soils, vegetation, and flood plain data.
- ° Settlement within this unit should be designed to minimize negative impacts on the recreational and habitat values of the river corridor. This can be achieved through low density settlement (maximum 1 unit per 5 acres) or isolated planned developments of higher density screened from the river by topography or vegetation.
- ° Public lands along Willow Creek below the Parks Highway bridge are being studied cooperatively by the borough and the Alaska Division of Parks for possible recreation development and inclusion in the State Park system.
- ° Management of public lands adjacent to the Parks Highway should be consistent with the recommendations of the report "Scenic Resources Along the Parks Highway." The recommendations in that report which are relevant to the Willow Sub-basin are in Appendix 1. The borough and state will encourage private land owners to follow recommendations in the report in order to protect the scenic values along the highway.
- ° This management unit will be closed to coal prospecting and development. See Chapter III, Goals, Policies, Management Guidelines; Subsurface Resources.

Recommended Land Uses

- Fish and Wildlife
- Small Farms
- Settlement
- Recreation
- Parks Highway Scenic Areas